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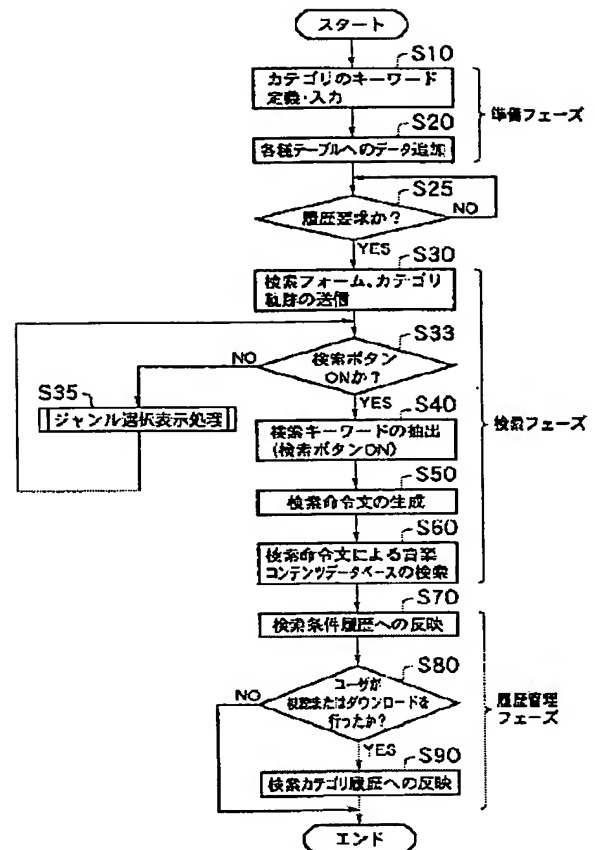
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FOR CONTENTS RETRIEVAL, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method for contents retrieval capable of retrieving a database by using a directional keyword corresponding to a user's preference, improving a hit rate of desired contents and reducing in time for retrieval.

SOLUTION: A retrieval server 23 for music contents transmits a retrieval screen 63 having a plurality of categories hierarchically classifying keywords to indicate the contents by names of the categories to a user terminal 13, receives operating information to select the names belonging to specified layers in the categories from the terminal 13 and transmits a plurality of the names belonging to the layers according to the information to the terminal 13, when receiving the keywords and a request for retrieval selected by tracing the names in the categories, a retrieval command text to retrieve a database 29 is created by the keywords.

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